

National Environmental Policy Act Seminar

Environmental Impact Assessment in the Context of Marine Fisheries Management

Dates: January 15-16, 2004
Time: 8:30-4:30 Thursday and Friday (14 classroom hours)
Location: Dillingham Room, Hilton Anchorage
Target Participants: North Pacific Fishery Management Council Family
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AGENDA

Thursday January 15, 2004

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| 8:30 am – 9:00 am | Participant Introduction and Expectations, Overview of Course –
Canter & Faris |
| 9:00 am – 9:30 am | NEPA and Its Implementation, Including the CEQ Regulations,
the 40 Most Asked Questions, NOAA Administrative Order 216-
6, MSA National Standards – Canter |
| 9:30 am – 10:00 am | Documents generated by the NEPA Process (three levels of
analysis; draft and final EAs and FONSI, draft and final EISs
and supplements thereto, and RODs) – Atkinson |
| 10:00 am – 10:15 am | Break |
| 10:15 am – 10:45 pm | Process Requirements: The Required Parts of an
Environmental Impact Statement Together with the Required
Public Review Periods and Filing Steps – Faris |
| 10:45 am – 12:00 pm | Workshop on Conducting a Process Completeness Review of a
NEPA Document (EA, DEIS, FEIS, Programmatic EIS, ROD) –
Canter |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm -- 1:45 pm | When to Use an Existing NEPA Analysis and When to Prepare
a New One, Understanding of Tiering, Incorporating by
Reference, and Supplementing – Atkinson |
| 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm | Scoping and the Role of Public Involvement, Use of Scoping
Meetings and Written Scoping Comments) – Canter |

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| 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Break |
| 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm | Determination of Impacts and Concept of Significance – Faris |
| 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Taking Meaning from Displays of Direct, Indirect, and Cumulative Impacts (Environmental Consequences) – Atkinson |

Friday January 16, 2004

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| 8:30 am – 9:15 am | Purpose and Need and Reasonable Range of Alternatives, Piecemealing and the Trouble that Could Spawn, Adding and Changing Alternatives after the Draft is Circulated, and Choosing Features from Among Several Alternatives – Canter |
| 9:15 am – 10:00 am | Review of Court Cases Where Alternatives Did Not Line Up with Purpose and Need, or Decisions Were Made that Were Not Supported by the Analysis – Atkinson |
| 10:00 am -- 10:15 am | Break |
| 10:15 am – 11:00 am | Commenting on NEPA Documents, Where to Focus Your Efforts and What to Expect In Response – Canter |
| 11:00 am – 12:00 pm | The Role of Campaign Comments in the NEPA Process – Atkinson |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm – 1:45 pm | Addressing Unknown/Unavailable Information, Consideration of Data Interpretations, Modeling, and Uncertainty in NEPA Document Review – Canter |
| 1:45 pm – 2:30 pm | Workshop on Natural Resources Defense Council, Plaintiffs, v Donald Evans Defendants (March 2003) – Atkinson |
| 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm | Break |
| 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm | Decision Making, The Responsible Official, The Preferred Alternative, The Environmentally Preferred Alternative, The Record of Decision – Canter |
| 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm | Questions, Problem-Solving: Challenges and Solutions– Canter, Atkinson, and Faris |